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BREAKS ALL RECORDS.

Steamer Zapora Lands 270,000 Pounds Fresh Halibut.

Believed To Be Largest Halibut Trip Ever Caught.

What is said to have been the largest halibut catch ever made was brought to Tacoma, Wash., recently by the steamer Zapora. Her fare consisted of 270,000 pounds. This same steamer has also landed two trips of 250,000 pounds each and several other fares over 200,000 pounds each this season. She is usually out about seven days on her trips, using two days to fish, and the rest of the time making the run to the grounds and the passage to port. The fare is the largest of which there is any record.

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A ST. JOHN'S SCARE.

Hears Gloucester Vessels Are To Defy Island's Laws

As Usual There Is No Truth in Sensational Story.

A St. John's N. F., despatch of Tuesday says:

"The colonial authorities have advices indicating that American fishing vessels are preparing to defy the law forbidding them to secure bait, outfits and crews in Newfoundland waters during the present season. The government is taking steps to deal severely with such a contingency."

The above would be laughable were it not from the fact that its being read by so many people will naturally find some who will take some stock in it. The Times can authoritatively deny that our fishing vessels are preparing to defy the laws of Newfoundland, and will continue now, as in the past, to act within their rights. As the only vessels which are liable to frequent Newfoundland ports or coast are the salt bankers, and these have been gone from here one to three months it does not look on the face of it as if there was being any preparation made to defy Newfoundland laws.

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Bound Here with Fish.

Sch. Dido, from the Block Island codfishing grounds, was at Provincetown yesterday with 80,000 pounds of salt cod and will come to this port to market her fares.

Bait Scarce.

Bait is reported scarce at Provincetown.

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VERY BAD WEATHER.

Has Greatly Bothered Cape Shore Seining Fleet.

One Craft Had 400 Barrels in Seine and Lost Them.

The following netters are at New York this morning:

Sch. Nokomis, 400 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Ruth Pember, 2150 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Robert C. Harris, 450 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mayhew, 600 large fresh mackerel.

Schs. Harry A. Nickerson, Arthur James, Constellation, Ralph L. Hall, Annie Greenlaw, Dauntless, Elizabeth Silsbee, Veda M. McKown, Avalon, Lizzie M. Stanley, Annie M. Parker, Indiana, Vera, Lucania, Terra Nova, Mary E. Harty, and Natalie B. Nickerson were at Halifax, N. S., on Monday.

Sch. Annie Greenlaw, which put into Halifax on Monday, landed one of her crew who was ill.

The seining fleet had done very little up to Monday, when a number of the vessels were at Halifax for shelter. Sch. Constellation set her seine Saturday night, but got only 34 fish. As she was setting sch. Mary A. Nickerson, in coming about astern of the Constellation, smashed one of the latter's seine boats, which was being towed. Sch. Avalon is reported to have taken 20 barrels Saturday night but carried away some gear and put into Halifax. Schools of fish were seen Saturday, but the weather was rough up to Sunday, and interfered with fishing operations.

A Halifax exchange says:

"Sch. Elizabeth Silsby, Capt. Lewis, which has joined the fleet, is one of the finest seiners sailing out of Gloucester. She has gasoline auxiliary, which will send her along at 11 knots.

She is well fitted, and has a regular baiting room to save baiting on deck in bad weather. She is electric lighted, and Capt. Lewis has the reputation of being one of the greatest mackerel killers in the Gloucester fleet. He is reported to have taken a few barrels so far."

A Halifax dispatch says that sch. Annie M. Parker of this port got her seine around a 400 barrel school of mackerel off there Monday, but it was so rough that the boat was nearly swamped and they could not handle the fish, and succeeded in saving only a few barrels.

Sch. Emma W. Brown, Kernwood, Slade Gorton, Grayling and Mary F. Curtis were at Halifax, N. S., on Tuesday.

The nets at Prospect, N. S., took 500 large mackerel on Sunday.

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A True Fish Story.

Here is a fish story told by a British nobleman: An Irishman had caught a big pike. Noting a lump in its stomach, he cut it open. "As I cut it open there was a mighty rush and a flapping of wings, and away flew a wild duck, and when I looked inside there was a nest, with four eggs, and she had been after sitting on that nest."

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Good Stock

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, Capt. Joseph P. Mesquita, stocked \$1435 as the result of her recent shacking trip, the crew sharing \$32.50.

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MADE BIG HAUL.

White Point, N. S., Traps Took 3800 Large Mackerel Monday.

Catches Reported at Other Points Along Cape Shore.

A despatch to the Boston Fish Bureau from Canso, N. S., yesterday, says the White Point trap took 3800 large mackerel, also that few are being taken at Whitehead and on the Cape Breton coast. No medium fish have yet shown and the weather is bad. No seiners have been there yet. A few mackerel had been taken in Chebucto Bay.

A Halifax despatch of yesterday confirms the catch at the White Point trap and says that mackerel are reported plenty at St. Peter's, fair at Petit de Gras, boats at Arichat, C. B., taking from 25 to 120 fish each. Forty large 18 inch mackerel have been taken at Port Hood.

Sloop Hersey D. Taylor with 130 large fresh mackerel and sch. Motor with 470 large fresh mackerel were at New York yesterday afternoon.

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HAD LARGE FARE.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray at Boston with the Best of Season.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. Val O'Neil arrived at Boston yesterday from the Gulf of St. Lawrence with the best fare from that ground this season, 55,000 pounds of halibut and 30,000 pounds of salt codfish. The price of halibut is low, but the fare is so large that Capt. O'Neil and his crew will make a fine stock and share. The craft encountered bad weather on the passage home, having her mainsail split and her jib blown away in a breeze on Tuesday.

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First Swordfish of the Season.

Sch. A. C. Newhall of Boston, which arrived at Fulton Market, New York, on Monday, with a fare of fresh mackerel, also had one swordfish. As this is the first one of the season, the credit of landing the first "sworder" goes to Capt. Sampson. The fish was a small one, weighing 225 pounds, and brought 19 cents per pound.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Genesta, shore.

Sch. Rapidan, shore.

Sch. Esther Gray, shore.

Sloop Olympia, shore.

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Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.00; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, 85 cts.; cusk, \$1.25; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 65 cts.

Bank halibut, 6 cts. per lb. for white and 4 cts. for gray.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$4.25 per cwt. for large, \$3.25 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$3.75 for large \$3.25 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.00.

Salt haddock, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, \$1.75.

Large salt "drift" Georges codfish, \$3.75; medium do., \$2.75; snappers, \$1.62 1-2.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$3.25 for large, \$2.37 1-2 for medium, snappers \$1.50.

Boston.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 30,000 salt cod, 55,000 halibut.

Sch. Rose Standish, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 35,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 30,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Sachem, 1000 cod.

Sch. Sadie M. Numan, 3000 haddock 2000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Louise C. Cabral, 18,000 haddock, 16,000 cod 2000 hake.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 34,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Rose Cabral, 6000 haddock, 9000 cod.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 6000 cod.

Sch. Mary Cabral, 4500 haddock, 400 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 2000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Galatea, 13,000 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 20,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Louise R. Sylva, 12,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Haddock, \$3.50; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3; market cod, \$1.50 to \$2; hake, 75 cts. to \$1.25.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

Sch. Paragon was at Canso, N. S., on Monday.

Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, bound for the Magdalen Islands for bait, passed Canso on Monday.

Sch. Juno sailed from Canso on Monday.

Sch. T. M. Nicholson cleared from Shelburne, N. S., on Monday.

Good Trips.

Sch. Atalanta, Capt. Richard Wadding, arrived yesterday afternoon from the Gulf of St. Lawrence with a good fare, 30,000 pounds of fresh halibut and 20,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert Porper, also arrived from the Gulf of St. Lawrence yesterday afternoon with another of her usual good fare, 45,000 pounds of halibut and 10,000 pounds of salt cod.

Halibut have been in liberal receipt lately and the trade for them is not very brisk.

Halibut Sale

The fare of sch. Atalanta sold to the New England Fish Company and that of sch. Cavalier to the American Halibut Company, both at 6 cents per pounds for white and 4 cents for gray.

SALT FISH SALES.

Rips Codfish Take Still Another Drop in Prices.

The fare of trawl Rips salt cod of sch. Bertha M. Bailey sold to Reed & Gamage.

The fare of salt Rips handline cod of sch. David Sherman sold to Sylvanus Smith & Co. on Monday at \$3.75 per hundred weight for large and \$2.75 for medinms.

Yesterday the fare of salt Rips handline cod of sch. Joseph H. Cromwell sold to Sylvanus Smith & Co. at \$3.50 and \$2.50 per hundred weight for large and medium. This vessel arrived Monday.

The market on Rips cod appears to be very dull at present and there is little or no activity shown by the firms in trying to secure trips. At the opening of the season these fish sold as high as straight Georges handline cod. The latter have since declined from \$4.50 and \$3.50 per hundred weight to \$4.25 and \$3.25, but the Rips fish have dropped considerably more, and although the Board of Trade price on them is \$3.75 and \$2.75, the real market on them is the figure at which the Cromwell sold. All lines of codfish, fresh and salt, have shown a drop in price the past month.

The fare of Block Island dory handline cod of sch. Dido sold to Slade Gorton & Co.

WHOLE CREW RESCUED.

Sch. Manhasset Picked Up Sch. Annie M. Parker's Men.

Weight of Fish and Rough Sea Had Filled Seineboat.

The Halifax Chronicle, in speaking of the loss of the big school of mackerel by sch. Annie M. Parker of this port, says:

"On Saturday sch. Annie L. Parker, Capt. McLean, hove her seine round two schools estimated to consist of about 400 bbls. but only 35 bbls. were saved. It was very rough at the time and the seine boat filled. Sch. Manhasset picked up the seine boat and crew. In the meantime the seine burst as it was alongside the Annie L. Parker and the fish nearly all escaped."

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Mackerel Notes.

Schs. Natalie J. Nelson and Nourmahal were at Halifax on Tuesday.

Schs. Mary E. Harty and Moaniam were at Lunenburg, N. S., Monday and cleared.

WON'T BE CAUGHT.

Mackerel to Southward Are Too Wild for Seiners.

Cape Shore Fleet Out After the Heavy Storm.

At the present time, all the vessels of the mackerel fleet, both seiners and netters, appear to be finding fish scarce. At New York only a very few netters are arriving daily and with small fares. Off Block Island, the fish are there but so wild that it is impossible to catch them, while on the Cape Shore, up to recently, the weather has been so bad that the fleet have had to harbor for shelter. The latest advices are that they have now gone out and the first news from them is awaited with great interest, for the success or failure of the fleet on the Cape Shore, after a poor spring out south, means much to Gloucester.

Sch. Saladin, Capt. Flar McKown, reports that the fish are still out there and schooling, but that they are so wild that it is simply impossible to stop a school.

A letter from Capt. Wesley Farmer of sch. Partician, written at Halifax on Monday said that quite a number of the fleet were in there on account of bad weather. They had seen a few fish, but the weather had been very bad and none had been taken. The skippers felt that after this spell of rough weather that it would come on fine. The fish had just begun to come along and if they could get some good weather so they could fish, they felt that the prospect was good.

The following netters were at Newport yesterday:

Steamer Favorite, 170 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Torpedo, 65 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Dart, 350 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Rattler, 100 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Olive E., 120 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Barbara, 400 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Magnolia, 114 large fresh mackerel. Sch. Lizzie Foster, 190 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lewis Warren, 250 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop A. S. Caswell, 300 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Briganza, 100 large fresh mackerel.

Sloop Mogul, 100 large fresh mackerel.

The Yarmouth steamer brought 12 barrels of fresh mackerel to Boston yesterday.

The steamer from Halifax, at Boston today, has eight barrels of fresh mackerel.

Sch. Actor, 1100 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Mildred, 45 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Priscilla, 100 large fresh mackerel.

A Halifax despatch says that the seining fleet which has harbored there during the recent storm sailed yesterday after large schools of fish which had been sighted off there.

Sch. Claudia was at Halifax yesterday.

The following netters arrived at New York this morning:

Sch. Laura Gamage, 700 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Angielena, 350 large fresh mackerel.

Large schools of mackerel were reported off Sambro Monday and Tuesday nights but it was too rough for the seining fleet to put out from Halifax after them.

A despatch from Capt. Almon D. Mallo h of sch. Edna Wallace Hopper from Canso, N. S., today would indicate that the prospect on the Cape Shore is not too good. The despatch was brief, merely asking what the mackerel prospect was up this way and to the southward; but vessel owners and fishermen, as well as dealers, know that when there is much of a prospect of fish on the Cape Shore, captains of seiners are not wiring home to find out what the prospect is up this way.